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Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS Washington, D.C. 20231 SERIAL NUMBER FILING DATE FIRST NAMED INVENTOR ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 08/003.223 01/11/93 ROFHM 200/241 EXAMINER KILLOS, P 12M2/1229 HOPE E. MELVILLE ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER LYON & LYON 611 W. 6TH ST., SUITE 3500 LOS ANGELES, CA 90017 1204 DATE MAILED: 12/29/93 This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS ☐ This application has been examined Responsive to communication filed on A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire / hrec \_\_ days from the date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133 Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION: 1. 🔯 Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892. 2. Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948. 3. Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449. Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION 1. Claims 2. Claims 3. Claims Claims ... 5. Claims are objected to. 6. Claims are subject to restriction or election requirement. 7. This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1:85 which are acceptable for examination purposes. 8.  $\square$  Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action. ... Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are acceptable. In not acceptable (see explanation or Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948). 10. The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on \_\_\_\_\_\_ has (have) been approved by the examiner. disapproved by the examiner (see explanation). 11. The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_ .., has been 🔲 approved. 🗀 disapproved (see explanation). 12. Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has Deen received not been received

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Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in-

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accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

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This is in response to the communication filed 27 Sept 1993. The claims are 1-63.

In response to the restriction election/requirement applicants elected the invention of Group II (Claims 5-25 directed to compounds) and the specie "3-methyl TTNEB". Claims 1-4 and 26-63 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected subject matter. The restriction/election requirement not having been substantively argued is considered to have been made without traverse. Claim 5 is examined on the merits only to the extend that it reads on the elected invention.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed
publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or
on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the
date of application for patent in the United States.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. § 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

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Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under subsection (f) or (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

Claims 5-25 rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over European 2,601,670, 22 Jan 1988. The reference is generic to the claimed compounds. When n is zero, R is carboxylic acid or ester and A is a dimethylene then the claims are anticipated by the reference.

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KILLOS:tce December 16, 1993

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